

an interface adapted to permit a user of the evaluation device to specify how the plurality of error conditions are to be handled; and

a memory adapted to store user information specifying how the plurality of error conditions are to be handled, the information being capable of subsequent recall and selection by a user of the evaluation device.

168. (Amended) The evaluation device of claim 157 further comprising a transport mechanism adapted to transport the currency bills, one at a time, from an input receptacle past the detector to the plurality of output receptacles, wherein the interface is adapted to permit the user to input information further specifying that upon the occurrence of a particular one of the plurality of error conditions the operation of the evaluation device should be suspended so that a bill triggering the particular error condition is stopped (1) before being delivered into an output receptacle such that the bill is located within the transport mechanism or (2) after being delivered into an output receptacle such that the bill is [present] presented in the at least one output receptacle.

178. (Amended) The [device] method of claim 177 wherein the particular error condition is a no call error condition.

179. (Amended) The [device] method of claim 177 wherein the particular error condition is a suspect document error condition.

180. (Amended) The [device] method of 177 wherein selecting one of the options of the mixed mode of operation further includes selecting one of the options of the mixed mode of operation specifying how to handle a stacker full condition, the options including (1) suspending operation of the device, or (2) directing bills to a non-full one of the plurality of output receptacles.

190. (New) A currency evaluation device comprising:
a discriminating unit for evaluating currency bills, the discriminating unit including a detector, the discriminating unit adapted to determine the denomination of the bills and to detect the occurrence of a plurality of error conditions;

an interface adapted to permit a user of the evaluation device to specify how the plurality of error conditions are to be handled; and

a memory adapted to store user information specifying how the plurality of error conditions are to be handled.

191. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 further comprising a plurality of output receptacles for receiving bills after the bills have been evaluated, the interface permitting the user to specify, for each of the error conditions, to which output receptacle or receptacles a bill triggering a particular error condition is to be directed.

192. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein the interface permits the user to specify, for each of the error conditions, whether the evaluation device should suspend operation.

193. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein the plurality of error conditions comprise a no call error condition.

194. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein the plurality of error conditions comprise a stranger error condition.

195. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein the plurality of error conditions comprise a suspect error condition.

196. (New) The currency evaluation device of claims 190 further comprising a plurality of output receptacles for receiving bills after the bills have been evaluated, the interface permitting the user to specify that upon the occurrence of a particular error condition the operation of the evaluation device should be suspended so that a bill triggering a particular error condition is stopped before being delivered into one of the output receptacles such that the bill is located within a transport mechanism of the evaluation device.

197. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 196 wherein user information specifies that the bill is to be stopped at a predetermined position within a transport mechanism of the evaluation device.

198. (New) The currency evaluation device of claims 190 further comprising a plurality of output receptacles for receiving bills after the bills have been evaluated, the interface permitting the user to specify that upon the occurrence of a particular error condition the operation of the evaluation device is to be suspended so that a bill triggering a particular error condition is stopped after being delivered into one of the output receptacles.

199. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein the interface permits the user the option of specifying that upon the occurrence of a particular error condition (1) the operation of the evaluation device should be suspended or (2) a bill triggering the particular error condition should be off-sorted to an output receptacle of the evaluation device without suspending the operation of the evaluation device.

200. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein the interface permits the user to specify that upon the occurrence of a particular error condition the operation of the evaluation device should be suspended so that a bill triggering the particular error condition is presented in an output receptacle of the evaluation device.

201. (New) The currency evaluation device of according claim 190 further comprising a plurality of output receptacles for receiving bills after the bills have been evaluated, the interface permitting the user to specify that upon the occurrence of a particular error condition whether the operation of the evaluation device should be suspended so that a bill triggering a particular error condition is stopped (1) before being delivered into one of the output receptacles such that the bill is located within the transport mechanism or (2) after being delivered into one of the output receptacles such that the bill is the last bill delivered into the one output receptacle.

202. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein the plurality of error conditions comprise a denomination change error condition.

203. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein the plurality of error conditions comprise a separate series error condition.

204. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 further comprising exactly two output receptacles for receiving bills after the bills have been evaluated

205. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein the user is permitted to define the name for the stored user information specifying how the plurality of error conditions are to be handled.

206. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein the memory in which the user information specifying how the plurality of error conditions are to be handled is stored is a nonvolatile memory.

207. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein user information specifying how the plurality of error conditions are to be handled stored in memory may be repeatedly recalled including being recallable after power to the currency evaluation device has been switched off and on and being recallable on days subsequent to the day that the user information is originally stored in the memory.

208. (New) The currency evaluation device of claim 190 wherein the user information specifying how the plurality of error conditions are to be handled is stored in memory such that the user information may be repeatedly recalled including being recallable after the device is operated in another mode of operation.

REMARKS

Claims 157, 168 and 178-180 have been amended. New claims 190-208 have been added. No claims have been canceled. Thus, claims 157, 158 and 164-208 are pending in the present application.

The amendments to claims 157, 168 and 178-180 are to correct obvious typographical errors and do not narrow the scope of these claims.

Attached hereto is a clean version of the claims including changes made to the claims pursuant to the present amendment captioned "Pending Claims After Entry Of Amendment And Reply To Office Acton Mailed January 17, 2002."